

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1-10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

Please ADD new claims 11-19, as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A device manufacturing apparatus for use in manufacturing a device, said apparatus comprising:

a main booth in which an exposure apparatus is installed;

a transport booth in which a mechanism arranged to transfer an object to and/or from the exposure apparatus is installed;

an air conditioning booth having a temperature adjusting device which supplies a temperature adjusting gas to said main booth and said transport booth to control temperature therein;

a duct through which the temperature adjusting gas, at least in said transport booth, is recovered to said air conditioning booth;

a first component, arranged in a space that is outside said duct but inside said main booth, to detect a state of a predetermined portion in the space, or to drive or to control the predetermined portion; and

a second component arranged in said duct and electrically connected to said first component to receive an electrical signal that pertains to the state of the predetermined portion from said first component, or to supply an electrical signal generated to drive or to control the predetermined portion to said first component.

12. (New) The apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising a heat-insulating member arranged in said duct.

13. (New) The apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising a relay board arranged so as to constitute a part of said duct, wherein said first and second components are electrically connected to each other through the relay board.

14. (New) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein a heat-insulating member is placed on at least a part of the relay board.

15. (New) The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said duct has an opening portion with a shutter, and said first and second components are electrically connected to each other by a cable which extends through the opening portion.

16. (New) The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said second component generates heat in operation.

17. (New) A device manufacturing method comprising:

a step of applying a photosensitive agent to a substrate;

a step of transferring a pattern onto the substrate using a device manufacturing apparatus serving as an exposure apparatus, as defined in claim 11; and

a step of developing the substrate.

18. (New) A device manufacturing apparatus for use in manufacturing a device, said apparatus comprising:

a duct through which a temperature adjusting gas flows;

a first component arranged outside said duct to detect a state of a predetermined portion outside said duct, or to drive or to control the predetermined portion; and

a second component arranged in said duct and electrically connected to said first component to receive an electrical signal that pertains to the state of the predetermined portion from said first component, or to supply an electrical signal generated to drive or to control the predetermined portion to said first component,

wherein said duct has an opening portion with a shutter, said first and second components are electrically connected to each other by a cable which extends through the opening portion, and the shutter has a stretchable member at a portion where the shutter in a closed state comes into contact with the cable.

19. (New) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the stretchable member has a heat-insulating function.